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Conservation Commission Minutes 01/06/2011

Arlington Conservation Commission
 Minutes
 January 6, 2011

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Charles Tirone, Ellen Reed, Curt Connors and Catherine Garnett of the Commission. Tim Williams, Richard Dickason, Mark and Gayle Namchuk, Brian and Heather Sullivan, Jeff Nangle, and Paul McCarthy were also in attendance.

7:45 pm – Commission Business

White/Connors motioned to approve the 12/16 minutes as edited; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Beckwith conveyed a question to the board on a hazardous tree within 100 feet of Spy Pond at 10 Sheraton Park and how to proceed with its removal. The Commission asked how the tree work would be conducted and recommended an RDA application.

The Commission discussed the issuance of the Certificate of Compliance for 14 Reed St. They would like the applicant to provide proof that the new owners of #18 Reed St. have knowledge of the easement. They would also like bounds (such as 4 pipes) to be placed at edge of the easement to prevent mowing. Reed/Garnett motioned to issue the Certificate; motion passed unanimously.

8pm Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Determination – Dothan St lot

Mr. Nangle presented the wetland delineation forms to the Commission and described the lot, wooded, flat with a small wetland near the drainage ditch.

Ms. Beckwith visited the site when the submission came in and agreed that the site is flat. In her opinion, it is possible that the wetland is more extensive than that shown on the plans. She reported that determination of the boundary is going to be difficult in the winter season with no leaves on the vegetation and the ground frozen. It is her recommendation to continue this determination until the spring. Mr. Stevens suggested another option of hiring an outside consultant, at the applicant's expense, to advise the Commission.

The immediate neighbors agreed that the area is very wet. They recounted that a large backhoe was digging in the adjacent lot and got stuck.

The applicant will consult with the landowner, who lives in California and see how they wish to proceed.

Connors/White motioned to continue this hearing, with the applicants permission, to 1/20 at 8pm; motion passed unanimously.

Documents reviewed: ANRAD application materials

8:15pm Notice of Intent - 30-50 Mill St

This hearing was closed at the last meeting and the Commission deferred deliberation until this meeting. There was a brief discussion on the draft Order of Conditions to ensure all details (concerning erosion controls, landscaping maintenance, etc) were included on this large project.

White/Garnett motioned to approve the project with the Conditions in the permit; motion passed unanimously.

8:30pm Certificate of Compliance – Spy Pond Condominiums, DEP File No. 91-87, shoreline stabilization

Ms. Reed suggested that a concise checklist be created for the landscape maintenance crews. The board also agreed that the maintenance plan drafted by New England Environmental, Inc. should be edited, removing the work to control invasives, add soil in

scoured areas. These should be separate permits.

Reed/White motioned to sign the Certificate; motion passed 5:1.

Documents reviewed: maintenance plan by NEE, Inc.

9pm Amendments to Bylaw Regulations

The Commission reorganized, edited and reviewed portions of the regulations to provide clarity and consistency. The final version of the vegetation replacement section is in place.

Connors/Tirone motioned to approve the vegetation replacement section of the regulations and continue the hearing to the next meeting; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator